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**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN  
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)****Title of Invention** Connecting Mechanism for Pivotaly Connecting a Shoe to a Sporting Device

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☒ Application No. 10/618,159, filed on July 11, 2003.
- ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/ we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;


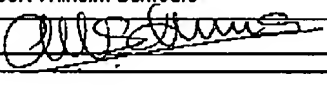
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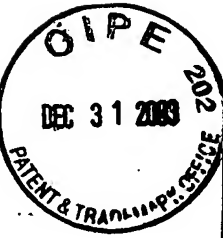
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